

THE WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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FINAL PTA MEETING !!!

Election of 1954-55 Officers

Massed Chorus of 236!

School Orchestra and Band Concert!

Wednesday, May 26

8:00 p.m.

Wakefield PTA will elect new officers for the 1954-55 school year at the final meeting of this term next Wednesday evening, May 26, at a meeting to be held in the school cafeteria, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Following the business meeting, members will hear a concert by Wakefield's music department students, and then make a tour of the school art department on the second floor and the shop department in the basement. Refreshments will be served in these classrooms by the PTA hospitality committee, announces Mrs. Robert K. Salyers, Chairman.

The massed chorus of 236 music students in the combined chorus will sing Randall Thompson's "Alleluia". The Wakefield band and orchestra, with about 60 musicians in each group, will play several selections. Mr. Walter Fox heads the music department.

The nominating committee, headed by Mr. B. F. Landstreet, with Mrs. James E. Hill, Col. S. L. Jones, Mrs. Raymond W. Smith and Mr. Wilson C. Tucker, has submitted two candidates for each office, who will be voted upon at this meeting. Biographical material on the candidates follows:

PRESIDENT

CONOVER, Arthur G. - 5314 N. 2nd Street. Economic Statistician, Dept of Agriculture. Member of W-L and Wakefield PTA's. 1950-51 President of Kate Waller Barrett PTA; 1952-53 Chairman of School Committee, Arlington County Civic Federation; 1953-54 Delegate to Civic Federation from Arlington Forest Citizens Ass'n and member of Schools Committee; member of Executive Committee of Citizens Committee for School Improvement.

WIRIN, Harry B. - 412 S. Garfield St. Administrative Officer in Commodity Stabilization Service, Dept of Agriculture. Member of the Bars of the State of California, District of Columbia, and the Supreme Court of the United States. Past President of Patrick Henry PTA, and Thomas Jefferson PTA. Active in Boy Scout work-- at present Explorer Advisor of Explorer Post 151 - Arlington Methodist Church. Three children - 7, 14 and 15

1st VICE PRESIDENT

MCDUFF, Col. Robert J. - 3549-A S. Stafford. Colonel, Regular Army. PTA member since 1946 in Fairlington, Dolly Madison, Washington-Lee, Wakefield. Historian, Bulletin editor, Fairlington. Historian, County Council, Dolly Madison. Cub Pack Representative.

WHEELER, Mrs. Richard S. - 234 N. Abingdon. Housewife, former teacher. Barrett PTA Program chairman, Vice-president, Chairman, Room Mothers. Member CCSI and AAUW. Active with Cub Scouts. Three sons, one in Wakefield, two in Barrett.

SECRETARY

LOUTZENHEISER, Mrs. Donald, - 4500 S. 8th. Housewife, substitute teacher. Barcroft and T.J. PTAs. Active with Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. Three children, one each in Washington-Lee, Wakefield and Barcroft.

SULLIVAN, Mrs. George, 176 N. Columbus. Arlington resident since 1939. PTA member since 1940 - Henry Clay, Barrett, T-J, Washington-Lee, Member, Arlington Forest Citizens Association.

TREASURER

COMPTON, Ralph O. - 1710 S. Quincy. Budget Examiner, Treasury Dept. Bureau of Customs. Peyton-Randolph (past president), Dolly Madison, Washington-Lee, Wakefield PTAs. Cub Scout Pack, New Arlington Citizens Association.

MORGAN, J.J. - 4205 S. 6th. Statistician, Agricultural Marketing Service, Dept of Agriculture. Member Barcroft Civic Ass'n. Former Treasurer and Supt., Fairlington Presbyterian Church, Sunday School.

HISTORIAN

BRINK, Wellington - 4304 S. 16th St. Editor, Soil Conservation Service, Dept. of Agriculture. Falls Church-First Vice-President of PTA; Member and Chairman, Zoning Board.

TRUEBLOOD, Mrs. D. L. - 4233 S. 4 Mile Run. Housewife, substitute teacher. Membership chairman, then Secretary Peyton-Randolph PTA. One daughter at Wakefield.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

HINDLY, Lacy W. - 227 N. Edison St. Trial Atty, Interstate Commerce Commission. Lt Col., Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S.A.R. Barrett and Wakefield PTAs. Judge Advocates Ass'n, Arlington Forest Citizens Ass'n.

WEST, Langdon - 4708 S. 8th St. Lawyer, Administrative Asst to U. S. Sen. Thomas Hennings of Mo. Member, Barcroft Advisory Committee for School Board. Parliamentarian, Barcroft PTA. Boy Scout Troop Committee.

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HELP WANTED

A roster of inactive nurses and nurses' aides is needed for the Arlington civil defense program. If these women will call Mrs. W. A. Salisbury at JA - 8-7359, she will forward the list to the chairman of nursing services of the program.

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RECOGNITION
PROGRAM

Wakefield students who have won special awards or earned recognition for various achievements will be recognized at the school assembly to be held the afternoon of June 8. Newly elected officers of the student body will be installed at the same time. Student government is comprised of 6 student officers, elected at large; a student council made up of the elected officers and the class presidents, and the student forum, a legislative body, made up of the former together with home room presidents.

The officers for the 1954-55 school year are headed by Kenneth Darling, president. The three vice presidents are Steve Hall, Jerry Gerich and Dennielle Grantham. Dorothy Rice is secretary and Martha Rayfield is treasurer.

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CALENDAR

Parents should remember that there will be no holiday on Monday, May 31, although many offices will be closed in commemoration of Memorial Day. Examination week for Wakefield students will run from May 31 through June 4. School as such winds up at the end of the school day on June 9, but students will return to receive their report cards on June 11.

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ORIENTATION
UNDER WAY

Sixth grade students from the elementary schools feeding into Wakefield have been brought by groups here to be introduced to the new regime they can expect next year as junior high school students. Randolph, Brandon and Jackson children came first on May 6; Custer and Oak Ridge children on May 12; Glen Carlyn, Barcroft and Barrett youngsters on May 13, and Fairlington and Claremont on May 14.

A big brother or sister from the present seventh grade was delegated to each visiting child, from his or her own home school if possible. They met in the Wakefield cafeteria, and Mrs. Elizabeth Alger, Guidance Counselor, made the introductions. Greetings were offered by Chuck Johnson, president of the student council; Mr. W. Ralph Kier, associate principal and Dean of Boys; Mrs. Mary Marc, assistant principal and Dean of Girls; Dr. Harold M. Wilson school principal, and Mr. Robert Eller, seventh grade chairman. Student organization representatives also talked. The children made a tour of the building and had lunch in the cafeteria before returning to their respective schools. Parent orientation meetings are also being held.

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MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't paid your PTA dues yet this year, do it quickly! Mrs. James E. Hill, membership chairman, announces we now have 1691 members - - obviously it should be at least 1700. Some 842 homes are represented within that membership, mothers outnumbering fathers by only 60 or so, and 70 of the 78 teachers belong.

SHOP AND ARTS
FOR ALL

Parents who tour the industrial arts and creative arts departments at Wakefield are in for a thrill - so beautiful is the set-up for our children. Top-notch equipment, excellent courses and a new interpretation of what these courses may mean to young people make them an inspiration.

The shop staff, with Sam Wood, Jim Stemple, William Bowers and Lloyd Wolf on the faculty, works on the theory that the industrial arts curriculum is designed to give every boy growing into manhood a background invaluable no matter what trade or profession he may adopt. The understanding of the many techniques and processes is considered the vital thing to learn, which of course they absorb partly through doing.

The shops are magnificently equipped and eventually will be among the best in the country. Every type of equipment, from the wide and varied collection of hand tools, on through various saws, lathes, printing presses, forge and foundry units, electrical units, welding equipment, kiln, lapidary units -- a seemingly endless list -- is supplied. You have to see it to believe it! In a "do-it-yourself" era like ours, the boys are given a remarkable background for future living.

Art fundamentals, on through all kinds of applied design, are taught in our art department by Mrs. Ruthe Hiltz, Robert Stevens and Rupert Maure. The department was well represented at the students' art exhibit recently on display at the Virginia Square shopping center. A tour of these rooms demonstrates what creative talent youngsters have.

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